



General Faculties Council
Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Tuesday, October 09, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Amy Tse, Acting Chair
Rachel Goud
Scott Jeffrey
Mpoe Mogale
Sathya Rao
Frank Robinson

non-voting:

Fiona Halbert
Jennifer Jennax

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

Regrets:

Wendy Doughty
Paul Myers

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Rao/Robinson

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 11, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Rao

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Minutes of September 11, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Acting-Chair (no documents)

There were no comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Annual Report on Undergraduate Student Financial Support and Accompanying Overview

Presenter(s): Melissa Padfield, Interim Vice-Provost and University Registrar; Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support (SFS), Office of the Registrar

Ms Padfield and Ms Halbert gave an overview of the report, spoke about the changes from last year's report and highlighted the limitations of the data available regarding funds administered by Faculties, the provincial and federal governments, and other external bodies. They noted the importance of understanding the complete

financial picture for students in order to ensure that the university is helping where it is most effective. The presenters also noted that there were a number of priorities that were identified and that would be worked on over the next few years including the creation of an institutional policy statement for undergraduate financial support.

Discussion:

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: the percentage of total funding used for entrance scholarships and their use as recruitment tools; funding access and need for Indigenous, domestic, and international students; donor wishes and limitations on available funding; the opening date of the bursary application; addressing the need for Indigenous student funding; the changing demographics and needs of the international student community including cultural barriers and cultural norms; the challenges with renewable scholarships; and the direction of fundraising efforts to address the changing landscape of student financial need.

5. Office of Advancement: an Overview

Presenter(s): Jennifer Jennax, Senior Director, Advancement Services, Office of Advancement

Ms Jennax presented an overview of the work of the Office of Advancement and how it relates to the work of SFS and UASC.

Discussion:

Members asked questions about endowed and annually funded awards, the term, “academic endowment”, and how the Office of Advancement works with potential donors to encourage funding be directed toward areas of need.

ACTION ITEMS

6. New Annually Funded Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve new annually funded undergraduate awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members asked about Faculty assessment of student leadership, the determination of entrance scholarships and the pool of funds available, and the criteria “identifies as female”.

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new annually funded Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.
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CARRIED

7. New Endowed Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve new endowed undergraduate awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members asked about establishing indigenaity and working with First Peoples House.

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new endowed Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

8. New Endowed Financial Supports for Approval - Resubmission

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve resubmitted new endowed undergraduate awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members discussed the concern with the non-standard name for the "Mookie Award" and the executor's comfort with adding more information to explain the bequest.

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new endowed Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

9. Amendments to Existing Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, SFS, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve amendments to existing awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members discussed the GPA requirement of 3.5 for scholarships.

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, amendments to existing Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Question Period (no documents)

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee by E-mail Ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Acting-Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.